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MEDIA ADVISORY

McGRUFF TO LAND VIA SAPD HELICOPTER AT MISSIONS GAME

WHO: San Antonio Police Department

WHEN: Friday, June 17th

6:15 PM

WHERE: Mission's Baseball Game

Wolff Stadium

CONTACT: Officer Lisa Castillo

Just before the game begins, McGruff the Crime Dog will fly in on an SAPD helicopter and land on the playing field of Wolff Stadium. He is part of the awareness of National Night Out which is on Tuesday, August 2nd.

2005 is McGruff's **25th anniversary** and he will lead his team as the pitcher during a short skit featuring mascots Blue Bear, SAFD's Sparky, Homeland Security's "Tex", and Code Compliance's "The Enforcer" playing against the bad guy's team.

These events are to encourage San Antonians to join millions around the world in National Night Out. There is still time to notify SAPD of your NNO event. Please contact Officer Lisa Castillo at 207-2307.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community interaction; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods nationwide are organized and fighting back.

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